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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re : Chapter 11

Gawker Media LLC, et al., 1 : Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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# ORDER GRANTING FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATIONS OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

Upon consideration of the applications of the professionals retained in the above-caption chapter 11 cases of Gawker Media LLC and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") for allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for professional services rendered and expenses incurred during the interim period commencing June 10, 2016 through September 30, 2016 [Docket Nos. 417, 418, 419, 430, and 470] (collectively, the "<u>First Interim Fee Applications</u>"); and notice having been given pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(6) and (c)(2); and due consideration having been given to all pleadings related to the First Interim Fee Applications; and a hearing having been held before this Court to consider the First Interim Fee Applications on December 15, 2016 (the "<u>Hearing</u>"); and based upon the record of the Hearing; and due consideration having been given to any responses thereto; and sufficient cause having been shown therefor; it is hereby

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Gawker Hungary Kft. (f/k/a Kinja Kft.) (5056). Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc.'s mailing addresses are c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022. Gawker Hungary Kft.'s mailing address is c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

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ORDERED, that the First Interim Fee Applications are granted on an interim basis to the

extent set forth in Schedule A; and

ORDERED, that the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay on an interim basis the

Monthly Fee Holdbacks (as defined in the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim

Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 94]) relating to the

First Interim Fee Applications as set forth in Schedule B. [SMB: 12/21/16]

New York, New York

Dated: December 21, 2016

/s/ STUART M. BERNSTEIN \_

THE HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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#### **Interim Allowance of First Interim Fee Applications**

	Application		Interii	m Fees	Interim Expenses		
	Date Filed/ Dkt. No.	Period Covered	Requested	Allowed <sup>1</sup>	Requested	Allowed	
Prime Clerk LLC	11/7/16 Dkt No. 417	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ 57,848.65	\$ 54,956.22	\$ 114.07	\$ 114.07	
Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP	11/7/16 Dkt No. 418	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ 68,770.40	\$ 65,331.88	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, LLP	11/7/16 Dkt No. 419	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ 299,783.77	\$ 284,794.58	\$ 9,144.63	\$ 9,125.16 <sup>2</sup>	
Ropes & Gray LLP	11/9/16 Dkt No. 430	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$3,981,458.75	\$3,782,385.81	\$ 50,031.25	\$ 50,031.25	
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	11/18/16 Dkt. No. 470	June 24 – Sept. 30	\$1,216,165.75	\$1,155,357.46	\$ 23,586.993	\$ 23,586.99	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors will continue to hold back five percent (5%) of the fees requested until such time as the Court approves such fees and authorizes the Debtors to pay such amounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Upon the request of the United States Trustee, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, LLP has agreed to reduce its expenses related to certain meals by \$19.47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Upon the request of the United States Trustee, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP agreed to reduce its expenses by \$1,158.54 prior to filing its First Interim Fee Application.

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#### **Authorization to Make Payments Requested in First Interim Fee Applications**

	<u>Application</u>		<del>Requested</del>		Paid to Date		16 11	<i>Monthly</i>	<del>Total</del>
	<del>Date Filed/</del> <del>Dkt. No.</del>	Period Covered	Total Fees	Expenses	<del>Fees</del>	Expenses	<del>Monthly</del> <del>Holdback</del>	Holdback to Be Paid <sup>‡</sup>	Amount to Be Paid
Prime Clerk LLC	11/7/16 Dkt No. 417	June 10 Sept. 30	\$ 57,848.65	<del>\$114.07</del>	\$ 44,845.20	\$ 114.07	\$11,569.73	\$ 8,677.30	\$ 10,111.02 <sup>2</sup>
Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP	11/7/16 Dkt No. 418	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ 68,770.40	\$0.00	\$ 55,016.32	\$ 0.00	<del>\$13,754.08</del>	\$ 10,315.56	<del>\$ 10,315.56</del>
Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, LLP	11/7/16 Dkt No. 419	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ 299,783.77	<del>\$9,144.63</del>	\$ 239,827.02	\$ 9,144.63	<del>\$59,956.75</del>	<del>\$ 44,967.56</del>	\$ 44,948.09 <sup>3</sup>
Ropes & Gray LLP	11/9/16 Dkt No. 430	June 10 - Sept. 30	\$ <del>3,981,458.75</del>	\$50,031.25	\$3,185,167.00	\$ 50,031.25	<del>\$796,291.75</del>	<del>\$597,218.81</del>	<del>\$597,218.81</del>
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	11/18/16 Dkt. No. 470	June 24 Sept. 30	\$ <del>1,216,165.75</del>	<del>\$23,586.99</del>	\$ 972,932.60	<del>\$ 24,745.53</del>	<del>\$243,233.15</del>	<del>\$182,424.86</del>	<del>\$181,266.32</del> <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In addition to the "Monthly Holdback to be Paid," this amount includes payment of 80% of fees requested for the period of September 1 – September 30, 2016, that have not been paid to date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Upon the request of the United States Trustee, Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, LLP has agreed to reduce its expenses related to certain meals by \$19.47. The Total Amount to be Paid has been reduced to credit this amount towards fees owed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Upon the request of the United States Trustee, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP agreed to reduce its expenses by \$1,158.54 prior to filing its First Interim Fee Application. The Total Amount to be Paid has been reduced to credit this amount towards fees owed.